

**“Bonded in Christ’s love, we teach, preach, and equip God’s people for discipleship here and throughout the world.**

# **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

## **Rally Sunday**



**September 13, 2026**

**Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler**

*For those who are hearing challenged, Zion has digital listening devices for your use during worship. Please ask a council member for one and they will show you how to use it.*

### **Prelude & Ringing of the Bell**

### **Welcome**

**Gathering our Spirits for Worship** *(As you are able please stand)*

**P** - Like the plants that grow on the earth

**C** - **May we lean toward Christ**

**P** - Eternal source of all light and energy.

**C** - **Today and every day, we will be light to all we meet.**

**Gathering Hymn** - Gather Us In ELW #532 vs 1-3

Here in this place the new light is streaming,

now is the darkness vanished away;

see in this space our fears and our dreamings

brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,

gather us in, the blind and the lame;

call to us now, and we shall awaken,

we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,  
we are the old who yearn for your face;  
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,  
here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

### **Prayer of Opening our Hearts to God**

P - Beloved carpenter of Nazareth,

C - I follow in your footsteps as I do my daily work. With Saint Paul the tent-maker, I labor in love as I nurture myself and those around me. Amen

### **Bible presentation – Second Grade Sunday School receive their Bibles**

Ava Remmers

Kade Wiese

Rhett Harms

Jaxon Lane

Marlowe Sutter

Rory Detert

## **Reading of the Scriptures**

### **First Reading - Exodus 31:1-11 Bezalel – The master craftsman**

The Lord spoke to Moses, “See, I have called by name Bezalel son of Uri son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and I have filled him with a divine spirit, with ability, intelligence, and knowledge, and every kind of skill, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, to work in every kind of craft. Moreover, I have appointed with him Oholiab son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, and I have given skill to all the skillful, so that they may make all that I have commanded you: the tent of meeting, and the ark of the covenant, and the cover that is on it, and all the furnishings of the tent, the table and its utensils, and the pure lampstand with all its utensils, and the altar of incense, and the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the basin with its stand, and the finely worked vestments, the holy vestments for the priest Aaron and the vestments of his sons, for their service as priests, and the anointing oil and the fragrant incense for the holy place. They shall do just as I have commanded you.”

### **Psalm 90:16-17** *(Please read responsively)*

Let your work be manifest to your servants

**and your glorious power to their children.**

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us

**and prosper for us the work of our hands**

**O prosper the work of our hands!**

### **Second Reading - Acts 18:1-3 & Acts 20:33-35**

#### **Paul – The tent maker**

After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. There he found a Jew named Aquila from Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to

leave Rome. Paul went to see them, and, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them, and they worked together by trade they were tentmakers.

I coveted no one's silver or gold or clothing. You know for yourselves that I worked with my own hands to support myself and my companions. In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' *Here ends this reading.*

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### **Gospel - Mark 6:1-6 Jesus – The carpenter**

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown and among their own kin and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. *(Please be seated.)*

Gospel Sung Response tune - Holy, Holy, Holy ELW #413 vs 4  
**Holy, holy, ho-y! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

## **Special Music - Kids of the Kingdom & Amigos**

### **Children's Message**

Sung Blessing for our Children - Blest Are They ELW #728  
**Bless our kids, full of spirit. They are the children of God.  
Bless our kids, bright and lively. Shine for all to see.  
Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!  
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!**

### **Homily - Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler**

#### **Offering Hymn - For the Fruit of All Creation ELW #679**

For the fruit of all creation,  
thanks be to God.  
For these gifts to ev'ry nation,  
thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,  
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor,  
God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor,  
God's will is done.  
In our world-wide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,

in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

*(Please stand as the offering is brought forward.)*

Sung Offering Response tune - ELW #884 Doxology  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all  
creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### **Offering Blessing**

**P - Loving Jesus,**

**C - Bless my offering and my ministry in this community, so  
that I may truly serve your divine will on earth. May all I do  
delight your heart. Amen. *(Please be seated)***

### **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

He was conceived by the power of the holy spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Prayers of the Church** - *When the pastor says, "Lord in your mercy" please respond with "**Hear our Prayer.**"*

### **Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**Benediction Litany** (responsively)

**P** - May the Lord bless you and keep you

**C** - **May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.**

**P** - May the Lord face shine upon you and give you peace.

**C** - **Amen**

## **Announcements in the Life of the Church**

**C** - **ZION... a place to belong, a place to believe, a place to become!**

**Sending Hymn** - All Creatures Worship God Most High

ELW #835 vs 1-4

All creatures, worship God most high!

Sound every voice in earth and sky:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright,

sing, sister moon and stars of night:

Chorus

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

alleluia, alleluia!

Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain  
you grow the gifts of fruit and grain:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Dear sister water, useful, clear,  
make music for your Lord to hear: (chorus)

Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong;  
drive far the shadows, join the throng:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Dear mother earth, so rich in care,  
praise God in colors bright and rare: (chorus)

All who for love of God forgive,  
all who in pain or sorrow grieve:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;  
still make your song amid the tears: (chorus)

**P - Go in peace and serve the Lord.**  
**C - Thanks be to God.**

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**Helping out with Worship Today**

Pastor:.....Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler  
Organist.....Shirley Gronewold  
Acolytes:.....Brixton Coffin  
Austin Folkerts  
Lector: .....Alexis Folkerts  
Greeters:.....Russ & Amy Wallman  
Les & Mert Rademacher

**September Altar Guild:** Linda Blackwell, Denise Schlake-Ideus, Cheryl Folkerts, Danelle Evers, Carrye Meints.

**September Table Troop:** Robert Ideus (Leader), Don Schuster, John Gronewold, Paul & Shellie Remmers, Les & Mert Rademacher, Linda Ideus

**Vital Statistics for last Sunday**

Worship: 82 Giving: \$2,408.00

**THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF ZION**

**Today**

8:45am - Sunday School

9:00am - BKF Club

10:00am - Worship/Rally Sunday

\*\*Hospitality serving ice cream after service

**Monday**

9-3:00pm - Blanket Sewing

7:00pm - Men's Choir practice

**Tuesday**

9-3:00pm Blanket Sewing

### **Wednesday**

6:00pm - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation classes

### **Thursday**

Ladies Aide

### **Friday**

Oltman/Cole Wedding Rehearsal

### **Saturday**

Oltman/Cole Wedding

### **Next Sunday**

8:45am - Sunday School

9:00am - BKF Club/Adult Bible Study

10:00am – Worship/Communion

### **Helping out next Sunday**

Pastor:.....Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler

Organist:.....Alnora Daubendiek

Acolytes:.....Debreigh Wendeln

Caleb Kastanek

Lector: .....Sadie Gronewold

Greeters:.....Loreen Wallman

Kim & Connie Thornburg

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Welcome to worship! A Warm Welcome to all our visitors. We are so glad you are here & would love to have you visit again! Please sign a visitor card located in the pews and place the information section of the card in the offering plate. We hope to see you again!**

**Congratulations** – to Brady & Lauren (Trauernicht) Ideus on their wedding yesterday here at Zion. Brady & Lauren also have become members of our church this year and we will be honoring them at the New Member Sunday Service.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to the Amigos and the Kids of the Kingdom for their special music today.

**\*\*\*ATTENTION MEN'S CHOIR PARTICIPANTS** there will be practice this Monday September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Hope to see you all there!

## **BREAKFAST CLUB**

**SIGN-UP** - There is a sign-up clip board on the Welcome Center for the Breakfast Club – help feed our hungry high school students on Sunday Mornings.



## **GOOD NEIGHBOR & NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION**

**Sunday, October 11, 2026**

We invite our church family to **INVITE** your neighbors & friends to worship that day. **INVITE & BRING those special people with you!** We will also be recognizing Zion's past year's new members this Sunday so come and make your presence felt! **If you are interested in joining Zion, please let Michele Kolm at the church office know or any council member.**

## **MISSION SUNDAY**

**Mark your calendars for Mission Festival Sunday, September 20th!** Our featured speaker will be **David Hingst.**  
**GGFAN — God's Grace for All Nations**

In 2025, David and Glenda Hingst traveled to Kenya to observe the mission work of **GGFAN (God's Grace for All Nations)** and learn more about the lives of people in southeastern Kenya. GGFAN is a nonprofit organization committed to transforming lives through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Their mission is to build strong, Christ-centered congregations that meet the spiritual and physical needs of unreached and least-reached communities throughout Kenya.

During their visit, David and Glenda had multiple opportunities to evaluate agricultural practices in the area and learn more about the five key areas that guide GGFAN's ministry:

- **Reaching the Unreached**
- **Rescuing Vulnerable Children**
- **Transforming Lives Through Mercy Ministry**
- **Empowering Churches & Leaders**
- **Fostering Self-Sustainability** through agriculture, savings groups, and community-based solutions

**Join us on September 20th to hear David share about GGFAN's ministry and the work God is doing in Kenya!**

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY – Starting back up next Sunday,**

**September 20, 2026**

**\*\*Will meet on the first and third Sunday of the month.**

## **LESSON ON PRAYER**

Exploring the Many Forms of Prayer

Come join us as we explore and experience different forms of prayer, including:

- Prayer forms and how to experience them
- Planning out your personal prayer life
- A study of The Lord's Prayer
- Prayers of Intercession
- Prayers of Confession
- Prayers of Blessing
- And other forms of prayer

Come learn, pray, and grow in your relationship with God!

**Sunday School Teachers Needed for the Upcoming Year!**

We are looking for volunteers to help teach our Sunday School students this coming year!

**Open Positions:**

**\* 2nd Grade Co-Teacher (1<sup>st</sup> semester only)**

**\* 7th Grade Co-Teacher (1<sup>st</sup> semester only)**

Teaching Sunday School is a wonderful opportunity to share God's Word and help nurture the faith of our children and youth. If you are interested or would like more information, please reach out to a member of the Parish Education Committee.

Contact:

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Thank you for helping make a difference in our Sunday School program!

**JOIN US TODAY AFTER WORSHIP**

SEPTEMBER 13TH

# RALLY SUNDAY

JOIN US AFTER SERVICE  
FOR ICE CREAM AND COOKIES

ZION HOSPITALITY INVITES  
YOU TO JOIN US IMMEDIATELY  
AFTER THE SERVICE IN THE  
FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR  
COOKIES AND ICE CREAM.





# Spice Up Your September!

## INDIAN COOKING NIGHT

*with Pastor Renae*



**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15  
6:00 P.M.**



**AT PASTOR RENAE'S HOUSE -  
25255 S 54th Street. Firth**

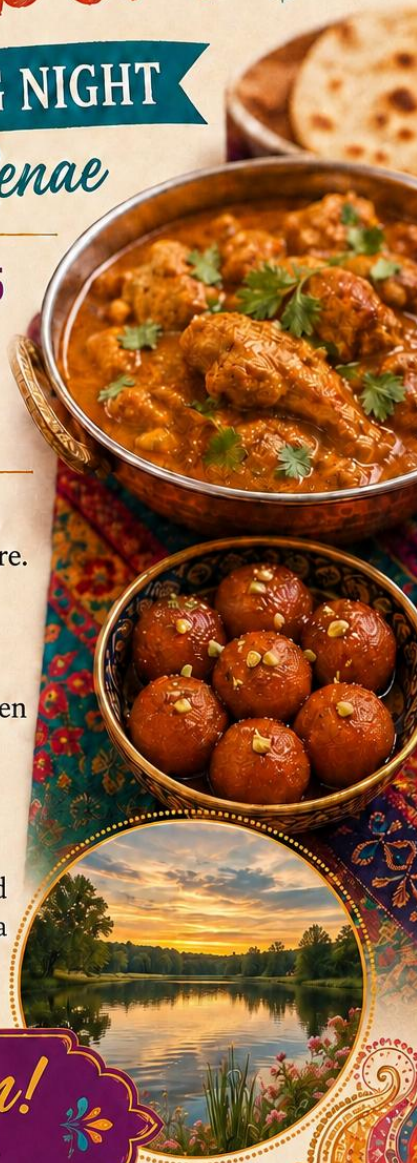
Join us for a fun cooking show,  
delicious food, and colorful culture.

Pastor Renae will demonstrate  
her mild chicken curry recipe,  
followed by a tasting of the chicken  
curry and gulab jamun, a  
delicious Indian dessert.

You'll also enjoy a display of  
beautiful Indian saris, jewelry, and  
traditional clothing, and we'll take a  
walk down to Pastor's pond and  
Standing Stone Circle.

*Join the fun!*  
**SIGN UP NOW.**

To sign up contact either  
Jeni Bohlmeier at (402) 440-3672  
or Karla Carstens at (402) 228-6318





**GIVING OPTION** - Simply scan the QR Code to the right to access Zion's Venmo account and submit your offering.



Offering envelopes and online giving via Vanco are still available to members as well. **Any members with questions regarding these options can reach out to a church council member.**

**Bailey Pointe** - Vivian Schuster

**Gold Crest** - Janice Jurgens, Doreen Wallman, Marilyn Robinson

**Homestead House** - Rosanna Miller, Marsha Zulauf

**Our Homes Assisted Living** - Randy Oltman